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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

5. (Twice amended) The self-replicating episomal DNA expression vector of claim 2 wherein the component of an LCR is a component of the β -globulin LCR selected from the group consisting of HS3 and HS4, or a combination thereof.

14. (Twice amended) The pair of vectors of claim 12 wherein the component of an

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